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SUBJECT: IAEA: STATUTE ARTICLE VI - PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT
OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES UP-DATED GUIDANCE FOR THE MISSION'S USE IN THE BOARD CHAIRMAN'S CONSULTATIONS ON THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE VI TO ADD ADDITIONAL MEMBERS FROM THE AREA OF AFRICA AND THE AREA OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE IN THE PRESENT 34 MEMBER SIZE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. WE WISH TO MAINTAIN AS LONG AS POSSIBLE A UNITED FRONT ON THIS ISSUE WITH THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION (AND ITS ALLIES) MOST OF WHICH HAVE ALSO OPPOSED FURTHER EXPANSION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MISSION SHOULD EXPRESS FIRM US OPPOSITION TO ANY INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. THE MISSION SHOULD ARGUE THAT THE PRESENT COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD REPRESENTS A REASONABLE COMPROMISE AMONG THE COMPETING CONSIDERATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE INVOLVED: GEOGRAPHIC, INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY VERSUS DEVELOPING COUNTRY INTERESTS; ADVANCED NUCLEAR PROGRAMS VERSUS RUDIMENTARY PROGRAMS OR NONE AT ALL; SUPPLIER VERSUS CONSUMER INTERESTS, ETC. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF THE BOARD IN RELATION TO

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ITS EFFECTIVENESS AS AN EXECUTIVE BODY IS OPEN TO DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. WE BELIEVE THE BOARD MAY HAVE REACHED THAT SIZE ALREADY, AND COMPELLING REASONS FOR RISKING THIS EFFECTIVENESS BY FURTHER ENLARGEMENT DO NOT IN OUR VIEW EXIST. WE DO NOT WISH TO OVEREMPHASIZE, PARTICULARLY IN CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE DANGERS OF POLITICIZING AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY INTERESTS EXTRANEIOUS TO THE AGENCY'S MAJOR FUNCTIONS, BUT MISSION WILL RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR CONCERNS.

3. IN CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE, WE WISH TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM POSSIBLE UNITED FRONT WITH REPS OF ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES ALL OF WHOM REPRESENTED ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AND WHOSE INTERESTS WE BELIEVE GENERALLY PARALLEL OURS. FOR THE TIME BEING, WE DO NOT WISH TO BE PERCEIVED AS ASSUMING LEADERSHIP ROLE IN OPPOSITION TO SPONSORS' AMENDMENT OR, ON THE OTHER HAND, IN ANY EFFORTS TO SEEK COMPROMISE.

4. MISSION SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY ALERT AND REPORT PROMPTLY ANY SIGNS OF WEAKENING ON THE PART OF PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS KNOWN TO BE OPPOSED TO INCREASING THE SIZE OF

THE BOARD. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT WAFFLING ON PART OF
VARIOUS LATIN REPRESENTATIVES ON THIS ISSUE OVER PAST TWO
YEARS (PARTICULARLY ARGENTINA AND MEXICO) NOT RPT NOT BE
PERMITTED TO DEVELOP INTO A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LATIN
AMERICANS AND SPONSORS OF PRESENT MOVE FOR ENLARGEMENT
WHICH COULD LEAD TO PROPOSALS FOR FULL SCALE REVIEW OF
ARTICLE VI, INCLUDING CATEGORY OF DESIGNATED SEATS.

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